

**RARITAN VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION** Established 1939

**April 2004 NEWSLETTER**

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**Daffy-down-dilly Greetings!**

Spring really is here! Forsythia and daffodils, crocuses and new birds in town, really do brighten up one's day. Mr. Big, one of our resident frogs, has dug himself out of his mud hibernation, and hopefully won't torment the baby fishes in New Pond. We must get out and paint! And if you need any more incentive, do come out Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm, to watch the **watercolor demo** by renowned artist **Ludlow Thorston**. A Full Member of many arts organizations, including the New Jersey Water Color Society, Lud is informative, talented, and a really great demonstrator. (this is an evening your editor wishes she weren't teaching, so I could come—Lud was my first watercolor teacher; I took his course 7 times in a row and both he and his wife Nell are just great—say hello for me!) Mary Ann Vaccaro and Lib Ryman will bringing the refreshments for the meeting; thank you Mary Ann and Lib!

**Big Apple Trip** There are still some seats left on the bus for our trip to New York City, but you'd better act fast! The date is **Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**, and you'll want to be in the upper parking lot of the Somerset County Library by 8:45 am—the bus (with a restroom and comfortable seats) will take us first to the Metropolitan Museum of Art . About 2:30, those who wish, will be driven downtown to take in the American Watercolor Society Show at the Salmagundi Club and/or the Forbes Museum (diagonally across the street). The bus picks up any who remain at the Met at 4:30 and the downtowners at 5. We're back home about 6 pm. **This is always a fabulous trip and a real bargain at \$25!** You'll want to send a check made out to RVAA to our chairwoman (thanks again, Debbie!) Debbie Hughes, 255 Falmouth Place, Bridgewater, 08807.

We have a **REALLY BIG NEED**. **Marian Cornwell** has been our most willing and able **Treasurer** for about twenty years. She has always done a superlative job and been there whenever needed. Well, Marian will be moving to Long Island soon and although we certainly wish her well and a joyous life there, we will surely miss Marian as a warm and caring person and excellent artist, and also as our Treasurer. Marian is happy to sit down with some gracious volunteer-to-be-Treasurer and explain what is necessary. Have we any volunteers? You may call President Linda Arnold at 908/647-3610 to volunteer. We also need a volunteer to run RVAA's show at the Somerset Cultural & Heritage Gallery in Somerville in November. Please call Linda to volunteer!

The **New Jersey Watercolor Society Full Members Show** is presently at the Paper Mill Playhouse until May 9<sup>th</sup>. You can view it any night there is a show—just tell the parking

attendants you're viewing the art, not the play, and you won't have to pay for parking. Or go on Friday afternoons from noon until 3. It's a lovely show of about 100 watercolors.

RVAA members Debbie Tintle, Elsa Herrmann, and Diana Patton are in it.

If you are interested in the **Lamington Presbyterian Church Invitational Show** May 4—May 8 (delivery is 4/30 and 5/1) , please phone the church at 908/439-2629.

**Trinity United Church**, 118 King George Road, Warren, NJ 07059,

wants exhibitors for their Art Show, which will be held in the Sanctuary at 118 King in the Sanctuary at 118 King George Road, Warren, on Saturday, May 15, 2004, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. While there is no entry fee, Trinity United Church is asking for a 10% donation of your sales. The show is not meant to be a fund raiser, but a community effort to display the talent of fine artists in the area and to acquaint those who attend with our unique Christian mission, which celebrates the arts and the God-given talents we all possess in some measure.

Exhibitors must provide their own racks, easels, etc and be able to display the art themselves. The show is only for one day, Saturday, May 15th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Setup will be from 8:00 - 9:30 on the day of the show or the evening before by prior arrangement. The show must be dismantled right after 4:00 pm because the Sanctuary is used for Worship the next morning.

In order for you to be included in the show, please call Kit Bebbington 732/356-3730 for entry blanks or other information by April 25<sup>th</sup>.

A special **Woman's Bazaar** with everything from paintings and jewelry to sarongs and care products will be held at Christ Church Presbyterian, corner of Washington Valley Road and Crim Road, Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, from 10-4 (for those who can't be gone all day in the Big Apple). The displays feature great things for women, which men can certainly come to buy for their important women (Hey, Mom's Day is coming).

**MORE COOL STUFF** If you want to see a great paper supply website, go to [www.artpaper.com](http://www.artpaper.com)-- they even let you get samples, and they carry Yupo (as does Cheap Joe). They have all sorts of papers from Thailand, Japan, India, etc. as well as the regular art and watercolor papers. Also—if you go to [www.currys.com](http://www.currys.com) they have different papers, and—you can even print out demos in color on Yupo by going to their website and visiting different links, or go directly to [www.currys.com/knowledge/abstract.asp](http://www.currys.com/knowledge/abstract.asp) (for an abstract watercolor demo) or to [www.currys.com/knowledge/sunflower.asp](http://www.currys.com/knowledge/sunflower.asp) for a watercolor of sunflowers on Yupo (thanks to Elizabeth Postiglione for these tips)

### **MEMBERS IN THE NEWS**

Unfortunately, no one has mailed me any news, but.....In the Bridgewater Township Arts Show, in the Professional Category, SUSAN FUREY won Second Place, and MARIAN CORNWELL, RON TOLLES, and DIANA PATTON were awarded Honorable Mentions. In the Non-Professional Category, BILL GILBERT was awarded Second Place, JIM LAUBACH was awarded Third Place, and FLORENCE WHITE was awarded Honorable Mention.

**You simply must send me YOUR news!** I'm sure some of you entered the Bernardsville Library Juried Show—you'll want to tell us about it! Or any other shows you're doing!